(b) State/UT wise budget allocation for various tribal programmes are not made. Funds are released when proposals are received from State/UTs.

Private investment for Urban Employment

1204. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to increase private investments in infrastructure sectors in cities and towns to increase the scope for urban employment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, how Government do plan to increase employment opportunities in urban areas?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKH DEV SINGH DHINDSA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Urban Development have reported that the Government are considering proposals to provide the fiscal concessions to promote private/corporate sector investment and Public-Private partnerships in the Urban Infrastructure projects like Water Supply, Drainage, Sewerage, Solid Waste Management, Roads, Light Rail Transit System (LRTS), Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) and New Township Development. As an off-shoot of these efforts of the Government, urban employment may increase.

(c) Apart from employment generated by investment in infrastructure this Ministry is implementing Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), a Centrally sponsored scheme, w.e.f. 1.12.1997. The Scheme seeks do provide gainful employment to urban unemployed or under employed poor living below poverty line by encouraging them to set up self-employment ventures and through wage employment. Skill development through appropriate training is another element of this programme. This programme is also aimed at generating urban employment.